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In re Application of	:
<b>HASTINGS</b> , et al.	:
Application No. 09/884,816	: DECISION GRANTING PETITIONS
Filed: June 18, 2001	: UNDER 37 CFR 1.137(b) AND
Attorney Docket No. <b>56055-0013</b>	: 37 CFR 1.314

This is a decision on the petitions, filed August 15, 2007, under 37 CFR 1.137(b), to revive the above-identified unintentionally abandoned application and on the petition under 37 CFR 1.314 to defer the issuance of the above-identified application.

The petitions are **GRANTED**.

***As to the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b):***

This application became abandoned for failure to timely pay the issue fee on or before August 1, 2007, as required by the Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due mailed May 1, 2007. Accordingly the date of abandonment of this application is August 2, 2007.

The petition satisfies the conditions for revival pursuant to the provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(b) in that petitioner has supplied (1) the reply in the form of payment of the issue fee of \$1400, (2) the petition fee of \$1500, and (3) an adequate statement of unintentional delay.

***As to the petition under 37 CFR 1.314:***

Petitioner requests to defer issuance of this application to allow consideration of a Rule 312 submission.

Issuance will be deferred for a period of one month from the date of this decision. At the end of this period, the application will be referred to the Office of Data Management to be processed into a patent.

If an additional deferral period is required, another petition and fee should be promptly submitted. The petition must include a showing of extraordinary circumstances. See MPEP 1306.01.

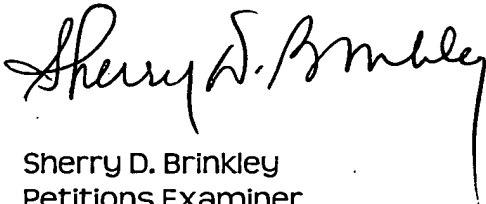
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